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Sun. July 22, 1984

Hon. Geraldine Ferraro
The House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. U.S.A.

Dear Meri,

As you can see from the enclosed clipping from a Beersheva local newsmagazine, you already have one enthusiastic supporter of the Mondale/Ferraro ticket. As a matter of fact, my first public endorsement of your candidacy (to the U.S. Congress) was in a Saturday morning sermon back in 1978 while serving as Rabbi at the Congregation Ansh of Israel, [redacted] Long Island City!

Here in Beersheva, there are hundreds of N.Y. citizens who will participate in the upcoming elections. Under the auspices of the Association of Americans & Landowners in Israel (AALI), the political platforms of the major parties are presented and debated for the benefit of our membership. If you could be so kind and send official statements of the democratic platform concerning the middle east to my attention, I would be delighted to do my best in furthering the democratic cause in the "Capital of the Negev", Beersheva.

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Needless to say, it would be quite exciting to welcome, one day, Vice President
Fennell to Beersheva and have her witness the enormous contribution of Americans
in the areas of health care, education, culture, and - yes - the political
spectrum of this young city in a young country, ~~and maintain~~ her
spirit jointly from the Biblical commitment dating from the days of Abraham
of Beersheva, and from the democratic values of the great United States.
No - there is no contradiction between pledging allegiance to the United States and
residing in Israel. I must confess, that I would prefer to vote at the
U.S. embassy in Jerusalem - the capital of Israel - than at the presently
located embassy in Tel Aviv.

"Mazel Tov" - good luck, and please convey my best wishes to
the President-to-be.

Respectfully yours,
